Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The city of Yankton, Summit Activities Center, Yankton Area Senior Citizens Center, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton Parks and Recreation Department, Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension Service, Yankton Area Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce, South Dakota Human Services Center, Avera Sacred Heart Wellness Center, Yankton Medical Clinic, Lewis & Clark Behavioral Health Services, Missouri Valley Sports Medicine of the Meridian Trail Events Group and Prairie Wanderers Volkssport Club wish to promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle; and,

Whereas, A healthy lifestyle is important for healthy individuals and promotes a better quality of life for individuals of all ages: children, adults and senior citizens; and,

Whereas, Healthy exercise, such as walking or biking together as families, promotes peace and harmony within the home and community; and,

Whereas, A healthy lifestyle promotes healthy, progressive communities; and,

Whereas, The historic Meridian Bridge of Yankton, South Dakota, will be open for the first inaugural "Walk the Bridge" on Saturday, May 20, 2006; and,

Whereas, With the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations, families of all shapes and sizes can create a better future for themselves and their communities by taking advantage of the wonderful trail systems throughout the state of South Dakota for biking and walking activities:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 20-21, 2006, as

MERIDIAN TRAILS DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State